

REMARKS

By way of the present response, claims 22-41 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 42-68 have been added. Claims 42-68 currently are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 22-27, 29-37 and 39-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Knodt (U.S. Patent No. 6,515,684), and claims 28 and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being unpatentable over the Knodt patent in view of Fang (U.S. Patent No. 6,628,311). As noted above, claims 22-41 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Hence, the rejection of claims 22-41 has been rendered moot. To the extent the Office may consider the rejection to apply to new claims 43-68, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Each of the pending independent claims 42 and 60 recites, among other features, a process of "displaying a window which shows a plurality of setting results set on the plurality of entry screens, said setting results set on the current displayed entry screen being shown to be distinguished from the other setting results." Similar features are recited in claim 51 with respect to an apparatus. Support for these claimed features is found, for example, in the specification, at page 17, line 24 to page 18, line 2, and in Figure 14. It is respectfully submitted that the Knodt and Fang patents do not teach or suggest the combinations set forth in independent claims 42, 50 and 60.

For instance, the Examiner asserts that the Knodt patent discloses a window that shows a plurality of setting results set on a plurality of screens (see page 3, lines 8-12). However, Knodt does not distinguish any setting results based on whether a setting result is set on the current displayed entry screen. The Fang patent also fails to mention or suggest this feature. Hence, any combination of the Knodt and Fang patents would not have taught or suggested the claimed feature of "said setting results set on the current displayed entry screen being shown to be distinguished from the other setting results." For at least these reasons, independent claims 42, 50 and 60, and hence also dependent claims 43-49, 51-59 and 60-68, are considered patentable.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt notification of the same is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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